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A Third of Rockville Residents Rate Life in City as “Excellent”

Rockville’s first Citizen Survey, unveiled to the Mayor and Council this spring, revealed that almost a third of Rockville residents felt that the quality of life in the city was “excellent.” An additional 62 percent rated their quality of life as good. That’s just a portion of the information that the City can now turn to as it begins to establish better performance measurements throughout City Hall.

“The City fared extremely well in the survey,” said Mark Pentz, Rockville’s City Manager. “Not only were residents pleased with the quality of life in Rockville, but overall they were very satisfied with the quality of services that the City provides.”

The survey results showed that many of the City’s services received significantly higher ratings than the national norms. These included: recreational programs, parks and recreation facilities, recycling and refuse services, water and sewer services, leaf pick-up, snow and ice removal, street repairs and maintenance, police services, and recreational services to seniors and youth.

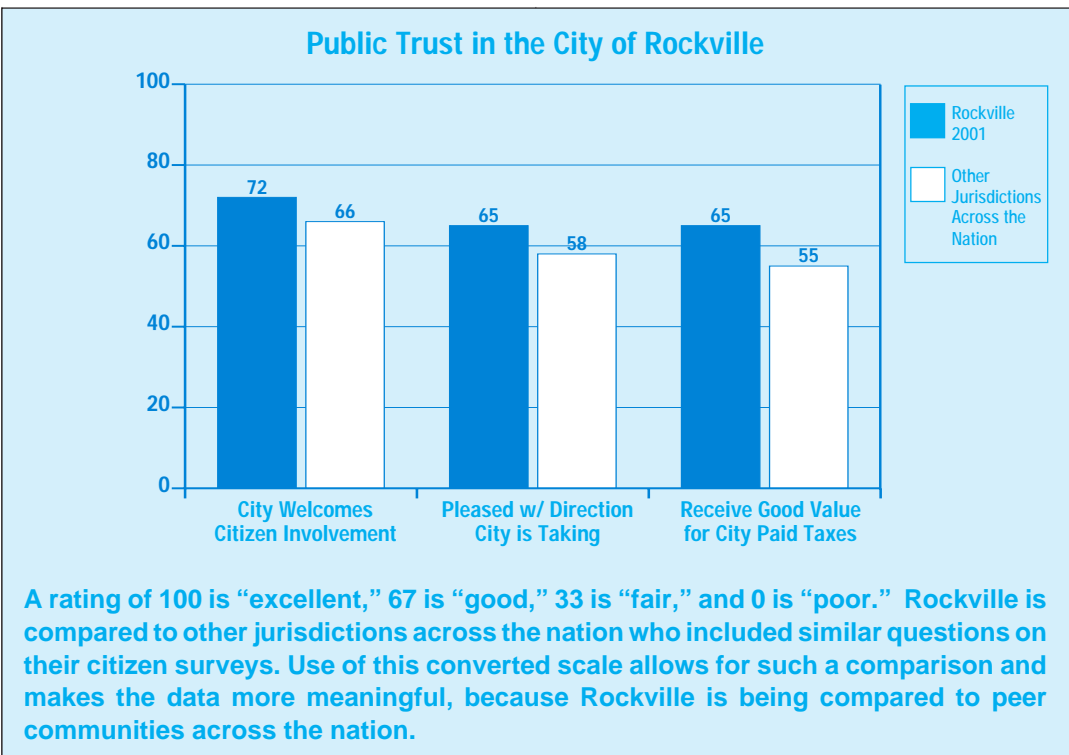
The greatest proportion of “excellent” ratings garnered by any City services were for refuse collection (44 percent) and recycling services (43 percent).

“We are pleased with the results of this survey,” said Mayor Rose Krasnow. “It just highlights a fact that the Mayor and Council have long known – that Rockville is a great place to call home.”

In addition, City-sponsored special events such as Hometown Holidays and the Spirit of Rockville also received especially positive ratings with more than 90 percent of the respondents rating them as “good” or “excellent.” Recreational programs and facilities also were given “excellent” or “good” ratings by 85 percent or more of the citizens surveyed.

Here is how some other City services fared in the survey:

- All of the parks and recreation services rated received “excellent” or “good” ratings from 80 percent or more of respondents.
- Snow and ice removal and street repairs received higher ratings than national norms.
- Almost 90 percent of respondents rated park grounds as “excellent” or “good.”
- Paths, medians, rights-of-ways, and sidewalks were rated positively by about three-quarters of those participating in the survey.
- Most respondents (about 90 percent) felt that the crime prevention and community-oriented policing programs were “somewhat” or “very effective” in deterring crime in Rockville.



However, City services were not the only area that received high marks in the survey. Citizens rated Rockville employees above the national norm for overall impression, courtesy, knowledge, and responsiveness. In fact, more than three-quarters of those surveyed rated their contact with City employees as “excellent” or “good.” The average rating was 70 on a 100-point scale – significantly higher than the national average rating of 60.

The survey, which was conducted by the National Research Center Inc. of Boulder, Colo., provided an opportunity for a representative sample of residents to rate their satisfaction with Rockville’s quality of life, the city’s amenities, and its local government. The City is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) Center for Performance Measurement, and the survey is part of an effort to help cities compile data on a variety of services and quality of life measures so they can compare themselves to cities of similar size nationwide.

As the City created performance measures for all of its major services and began providing data to ICMA, the realization grew that a number of measures could only be gathered through a citizen satisfaction survey. The results of this survey, in conjunction with other performance measurement data, will be used as a management tool to improve the organizational efficiency and effectiveness of the City government.

“We constantly are asking ourselves such questions as ‘are we meeting the expectations of our citizens?’ or ‘how can we make our services better?’,” said Pentz.

“The results of this survey will help us answer those questions.”

For example, not all City services received rave reviews. Some that didn’t fare so well included: tap water quality, ease of travel by walking, ease of travel by bike, and Rockville as a place to retire. These areas rated significantly lower than the national norm and are a cause for further examination by the City.

“One of the good things about the survey is that it identified not only our many strengths but also a few weaknesses,” said Krasnow. “We will work diligently to improve the services that need enhancement so that the next time around, each and every City of Rockville service will rate above the norm.”

The survey, which the consultant recommends conducting every two years, was mailed to 3,000 randomly selected Rockville households in January and consisted of six pages of questions. The City received a high response rate of 1,405 surveys or 48 percent. This compares to the average response rate of between 20 and 40 percent. The City would like to thank those residents who participated in the survey.

During February and March, the National Research Center collected and analyzed the data and created the final report. To view the Citizen Survey Report in its entirety, visit the City’s Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us. Copies also are available at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. ♦

CALL **301-315-6513** FOR MORE INFO

Calendar of Events

City Events

- 2** National Chamber Orchestra Piano Recital Series; 8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; \$19 (center), \$14 (side), \$9 (far side); Call 301-762-8580
- 2,16** Walking Town Meetings; See pg. 3
- 29,16,23,30** Farmers’ Market; 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Middle Ln. parking lot; Call 301-309-3330
- 3** Glenview Mansion Art Gallery Exhibit Opening; 1 p.m.; Susan Main (beeswax, oil, ink, crayon, and collage on wood) and Gary Thompson (digital image and gelatin silver print); Artist Talk, June 14, 7:30 p.m.; Guided Gallery Tour, June 15, 10 a.m.; Call 301-309-3354
- 4** Street Sweeping Begins; See pg. 3
- 5,12,19,26** Brown Bag Concerts; See pg. 3
- 6,13,20,27** Farmers’ Market; 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Middle Ln. parking lot; Call 301-309-3330
- 13** Bicycle Advisory Committee; 7 p.m.; City Hall
- 14** Flag Day; See pg. 3
- 15,16,22,23** Victorian Lyric Opera Company; 8 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; Pa-

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Victorian Lyric Opera Company; 2 p.m.; F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre; *Patience*; \$12 general admission, \$10 students; Call 301-879-0220

20 Master Plan Open House; See pg. 3

23 Off-Leash Testing; 10 a.m.; Middle Ln. parking lot; Free; Call 301-309-3115

For more information about City events, call 301-309-3322. To register for Recreation and Parks' programs, call 301-309-3340.

Imagine Rockville

19 Town Center Action Team; 7 p.m.; Red Brick Courthouse, Room 105

To join an Imagine Rockville Action Team or to find out about meetings, call the hotline at 301-315-6556 or visit the City's Web site at www.ci.rockville.md.us.

For Seniors

1 Painting on Silk; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #238; Register by May 24; \$8 members, \$11 non-members; \$30 materials fee payable to instructor

6 Birthday Party; 1:30 p.m.; Activity #147; Register by May 30; Free

6,12,20 Blood Pressure Screening; 10 a.m.; Free

7 Veterans Group; 10 a.m.; Amazing Stories of World War II; Activity #249; Register by May 31; Free

11,13,18,20 Internet and Word Processing; 10 a.m.; Free

12 Readers Group; 7 p.m.; Activity #276; Register by May 5; Free

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City Projects UPDATE

Recreation and Parks

Hungerford/Stoneridge
Elwood Smith Community Center • Construction underway • completion in September • will include general renovations, accessibility upgrades, added meeting/activities room, restroom renovations, storage, and roof replacement

Dawson Farm Park • Converting Ritchie Pkwy. dead-end to greenspace • includes: art, landscaping, and fencing around granary foundation • construction in spring

West End Skate Park • Grand opening on May 19 • includes ramps, rails, pipes, etc. for skateboarders, rollerbladers, and bikers • located at Welsh Park

Twinbrook Street Tree Replacement • Ongoing multi-year project • includes removing and replacing trees deemed hazardous, in major decline, or severely damaged by utilities

King Farm King Farm Park • Construction underway on 12-acre site • includes basketball and tennis courts, soccer and baseball fields, and picnic and open areas

General Projects Millennium Trail • Phase I construction is underway • completion in September • includes trail on Wootton Pkwy. from Falls Rd. to Glen Mill Rd. • Phase II, located on Norbeck Rd. from Gude Dr. to Wootton Pkwy, received funding of \$735,000 • final design underway

Parks Topographical, Tree, and Boundary Survey • Will update the topographical data for parks and grounds in the Rock Creek watershed • information gathered will provide for planning, asset inventory, and maintenance • will take place throughout the spring

Croydon Creek Nature Center • Located at Rockville Civic Center Park • construction underway, with completion in September

I-270/Rt. 28 Bike/Pedestrian Bridge • Separate bridge parallel to Rt. 28 on south side across I-270 • will connect to Hurley and Nelson St. bikeways • under design • application for funding submitted in spring

Playground Equipment Improvements • Replacing equipment at Lone Oak and Welsh Parks during spring

City Hall Expansion • Includes construction of a new wing and renovations to the existing building to accommodate overcrowding and future staff • plan includes a new entrance on Maryland Ave. • will allow for technology and energy upgrades • various options for accommodating additional required parking being studied, focusing on on-site solutions • parking demand reduction strategies being implemented • in the design and engineering phase • construction expected in fiscal year '02

CALL 301-309-3330 FOR MORE INFO

Public Works

Town Center Maryland Ave. Extension • Roadway design specifications to extend Maryland Ave. from Middle Ln. to Beall Ave. • to be completed by November

Lincoln Park Ashley Ave.-Lincoln Park Drainage Improvements • Collector pipe installed along the south side of Ashley Ave. to which residents may connect their own sump pump discharge pipes • the goal is to reduce standing water in yards and improve drainage conditions • construction began in April

East Rockville Horners Lane Water Tank Removal • Contract awarded • City working with neighborhoods to determine use of land

West End Great Falls Road Project • Will improve the safety and appearance of the road from Monument St. to W. Montgomery Ave. • includes bike path, curb and gutter, and safety

improvements • pre-construction meeting held in May • Work began in May

General Projects Water Main Work • Will strengthen water distribution system and improve fire flows on Chapman Ave. and Jefferson St. • main to be replaced in summer '01 • cleaning and lining project on Rt. 355 (Middle Ln. to N. Washington St.) in fall

Baltimore Road • Adding on-street parking, curb and gutter, traffic calming measures, and bike path sidewalk between First St. and Broadwood Dr. • this summer an upgrade to existing bike path will be constructed between Gladstone and the city limits

Falls Road Bikeway • Construction from Wootton Pkwy. to Dunster Rd. nearly complete • will lay a final layer of asphalt, erect fences, and landscape

Wootton Pkwy. Widening Project • Staff evaluating next stage of widening Wootton Pkwy. from Hurley Ave. to Scott Dr. in fiscal year '02 • evaluating demand, establishing citizen work groups, and designing • resident input sought and to be incorporated • other work this summer includes installation of a traffic signal and construction of a right turn lane on Scott Dr. • Wootton Pkwy. to be extended to tie into Darnestown Rd.

Asphalt Program • Scheduled to begin in July • will mainly take place in area west of I-270

Mt. Vernon Stormwater Management (SWM) • To improve Cabin John Creek by making modifications to existing SWM • sanitary sewer to be replaced and enlarged

Cabin John Sanitary Sewer • Design will begin this summer for upgrading the portion of the sewer south of Wootton Pkwy. • construction in summer '02

CALL 301-309-3220 FOR MORE INFO

Keep your Home and Community Beautiful

Now that warm weather has arrived and people are spending more time outside, here are some tips from Rockville's Division of Community Enhancement and Code Enforcement (CECE) for keeping your yard and neighborhood looking great:

- House numbers must be visible from the street and be a minimum of 3 inches in height.
- Corner lots shouldn't obstruct the vision of motorists with fences, hedges, trees, shrubs, or weeds that may constitute a hazard to vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- The dismantling of vehicles for major repairs in the right-of-way or on private property is not permitted. The parking or storing of trucks, cars, boats, and campers is permitted on paved areas only. Only one

unlicensed vehicle may be parked on the property.

- Yards are not to be cluttered or littered with trash, rubble, used furniture, toys, building materials, etc.
- Weeds and grass are not to exceed a height of 10 inches. Hedges, trees, and bushes should be kept pruned where necessary to prevent them from being hazardous.
- Be sure that all exposed exterior metal and wood surfaces are painted or have another protective covering.
- Storing building materials, firewood, lumber, etc. off the ground will help eliminate rat harborage areas.
- Be sure to have garbage containers with tight-fitting lids and have a sufficient number to house all your household refuse.

- A building permit must be obtained and the location approved prior to the construction or erection of fences and accessory buildings such as sheds, garages, and carports. A permit also is required for improvements to your home, including gas, plumbing, and electrical systems.
- Don't drive over the curb, grass area, or sidewalk. It could cause damage to the right-of-way.

Through the CECE, neighborhoods are patrolled by Housing Inspectors in an effort to spot and eliminate the above noted conditions. Your cooperation is needed to maintain your property free of these conditions.

CALL 301-545-5650 FOR MORE INFO

In Brief

City Master Plan

For more than a year, Rockville’s Plan-ning Commission has been working on an update of the City’s Master Plan, the docu-ment which outlines a vision for the City’s future, directs all development activities, and guides capital improvement projects. The plan also covers such topics as the en-vironment, transportation, community fa-cilities, historic preservation, recreation and parks, neighborhoods, and economic development. The draft document now is available in the Community Planning and Development Services Department and on the City’s Web site (www.ci.rockville.md.us). There will be a variety of opportunities to review and comment on the plan including: a public input booth at Hometown Holidays, May 26 and 27, from 3 to 7 p.m.; an open house at City Hall, June 20, from 7 to 9 p.m.; and a Public Hearing at City Hall in the early fall. For more information, contact Marian Staye, Community Planning and Develop-ment Services, by: mail at Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850; fax at 301-309-0523; or e-mail at mstaye@ci.rockville.md.us.

CALL 301-309-3200 FOR MORE INFO

New Parking Meters

In late May, the City will begin installing parking meters in the Town Center area and will officially begin monitoring and ticketing cars with expired meters on June 18. Parking at the new meters will cost users 50 cents per hour (using only quarters) and will have a two-hour maximum time limit. Feeding the meters after two hours of use is not permitted, and violators can be fined. The parking meters are being placed so that on-street parking is available for those who are visiting the retail and commercial establishments and conducting short-term business at government offices. They will be installed along Courthouse Sq.; E. Mont-gomery Ave.; Maryland Ave. from Rt. 28 to Middle Ln.; and Monroe Ave. from Middle Ln. to Monroe Pl.

CALL 301-309-3104 FOR MORE INFO

May Walking Town Meeting

The May Walking Town Meeting, origi-nally scheduled for May 12, has been re-scheduled for Saturday, June 2, at 10 a.m. Woodley Gardens will host the meeting.

CALL 301-309-3247 FOR MORE INFO

Senior Center Volunteers

Rockville’s Senior Center needs volun-teers to manage its fundraising areas in-cluding the gift and thrift shops. The hours are flexible, and you will work with seniors and supervise and recruit volunteers.

CALL 301-309-3025 FOR MORE INFO

Sahaja Yoga

Achieve your own physical, mental, and emotional balance with an eight-week Sahaja Yoga course that will teach you how to meditate. The free class will begin on June 4 and take place on Mondays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at 32 Courthouse Sq.

CALL 301-309-3077 FOR MORE INFO

June Walking Town Meeting

Join the Mayor and Council for a walk through Hungerford/Stoneridge on Satur-day, June 12, at 10 a.m., as part of the City’s Walking Town Meeting program. The meetings allow citizens to walk through their neighborhood on a scheduled route with the Mayor and Council, City staff, and other citizens and discuss issues affecting their neighborhoods. The meet-ings take place rain or shine.

CALL 301-309-3246 FOR MORE INFO

Town Center Master Plan

The Town Center Master Plan Advisory Group, in conjunction with the City’s con-sultants, has completed a draft of the Town Center Master Plan. The City will host an Open House on Wednesday, June 6, from 6 to 9 p.m., in the atrium at Rockville City Hall that will allow inter-ested residents to ask questions about the plan and discuss its contents with staff and the advisory group. In addition, a Public Hearing is scheduled for July 18 with the Planning Commission.

CALL 301-309-3244 FOR MORE INFO

Brown Bag Concerts

Need a mid-week break? Join Rockville for Brown Bag Concerts this summer from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in Courthouse Sq. The June schedule includes:

- June 5 – Ellis, Doyle, and Jones (Caribbean)
- June 12 – Kiss Me Kate (Irish folk)
- June 19 – Michelle Swan (Urban acoustic)
- June 26 – Joe Devlin (60s, 70s, and 80s)

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Rabies

With warm weather comes the threat of rabies. Here are some tips to help protect your family and pets:

- Do not approach, handle, or feed wild or stray animals.
- Vaccinate your dogs, cats, and ferrets against rabies and keep the vaccination up to date. Besides keeping both of you healthy, it’s the law.
- Do not leave pets outside unattended or allow them to roam free.
- Feed pets indoors and tightly cover out-door garbage cans.
- Prevent bats from entering your home by using screens and chimney caps and by closing openings in your attic, basement, porch, or garage.
- Wear gloves when handling your pet if it has been in a fight with another animal. Then isolate it from people and other ani-mals and call your vet or local health de-partment.

CALL 301-309-3115 FOR MORE INFO

Mosquitos

It’s time to start thinking about mosqui-tos again, and you can help control them by removing standing water on your property. Mosquitos lay eggs in gutters, wading pools, rainwater sitting in wheelbarrows or tire swings, puddles caused by dripping faucets or air conditioners, saucers under plants, birdbaths, etc. Turn over containers when not using them or drill holes in the bottom so water can run out. Also clean your gutters and change your birdbath wa-ter twice a week.

Skate Park

Rockville’s new Skate Park at Welsh Park (355 Martins Ln. behind the Rockville Municipal Swim Center) has opened its gates. It includes ramps, rails, pipes, and more in a supervised setting for in-line skaters, skateboarders, and bikers. Watch *Rockville Reports* for more information.

CALL 301-309-3340 FOR MORE INFO

Street Sweeping

Residential street sweeping will begin on June 4 in the Twinbrook area and con-tinue throughout the city for approximately 10 days, weather permitting. Although not required, residents are encouraged to move vehicles from the street between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. on those days so proper cleaning can take place.

CALL 301-309-3010 FOR MORE INFO

Housing Inspectors

The City’s Community Enhancement and Code Enforcement Division is initiat-ing a program where housing inspectors will be available every first and third Wednesday of the month at the Twinbrook and Lincoln Park Community Centers, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., to meet with residents. The inspectors will be available to speak with residents about concerns relating to neighborhoods, property maintenance, or general code requirements.

CALL 301-545-5650 FOR MORE INFO

Sister City Corp. Information

If you are looking for more information about how you can get involved in the Rockville’s Sister City Corporation (RSCC), call the new RSSC message line.

CALL 301-315-6533 FOR MORE INFO

Para Ud.

Conciertos durante la hora del almuerzo.

Venga a disfrutar de la buena música y el buen clima del verano en los conciertos que la Ciudad de Rockville organiza durante la hora del almuerzo. Traiga su almuerzo a Courthouse Square todos los martes entre las 12:30 a 1:30 p.m. y disfrute. Junio 5 – Ellis, Doyle, and Jone (música jamaíquina); junio 12 – Kiss Me Kate (música folclórica irlandesa); junio 19 – Michelle Swan (música acústica norteamericana); y junio 26 – Joe Devlin (música popular de los años 60, 70, y 80). Llame al 301-309-3340 para más información.

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13 Privatizing Social Security – What Does it Mean?; 10:15 a.m.; Free

14 Nursing Homes in the 21st Century; 1 p.m.; Free

19 Relaxation and Stress Management; 1:30 p.m.; Free

20 Back to Nature; 1 p.m.; Activity #252; Register by June 13; Free

27 Peripheral Neu-ropathy; 1 p.m.; Free

Activities take place at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr., unless noted. For more informa-tion, call 301-309-3025. All programs with an activity number require an in-per-son or mail-in registration.

For Teens

25 Summer Teen Time Program Begins; Noon-6 p.m.; Monday through Friday; Various locations; For youth in grades 6-12

For more information, call the Teen Programs Coor-dinator at 301-309-3345.



Rockville Bikeways: Join Us for a Ride!

The members of Rockville’s Citizens Bikeway Committee in-vite you to join them on a bike ride through Rockville on Sunday, June 10, at 10:30 a.m. Meet at City Hall and bring your bike, helmet, and water. The 10-mile ride will in-clude new and proposed bike paths in the city. In case of inclement weather, call or e-mail Joe Marzi (301-294-2760 or jmarzi@bellatlantic.net) to confirm the ride.



June Program Schedule

REGULAR PROGRAMS
Mayor & Council Live
June 11, 7:30 p.m.
General Session
June 18, 7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing

Meeting Replays
Mon., 7:30 p.m.
(if no live meeting)
Sun. and Tues., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.
Sun. and Sat., 9 a.m.

City Hall Report
Daily, 6 a.m., 8 a.m., noon,
6 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Cityline
Daily, 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m., and
6:30 p.m.
Wed.-Sat., 9:30 p.m.

SPECIALS
Hometown Holidays
Wed.-Sat., 9 p.m.
Daily, 1 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.

Air Quality Codes
Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.
Sun., 10:30 p.m.
Daily, 1:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. and
9:30 a.m.

**The Online Frontier:
Kid's Safety on the Internet**
Wed.-Sat., 7:30 p.m.
Daily, 7 a.m.

Every 15 Minutes
Wed.-Sat., 10:30 p.m.

Paving the Way
Wed.-Sat., 7:40 p.m.
Daily, 7:10 a.m.

Trees in Rockville
Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m.
Wed.-Sat., 8:30 p.m.

Ride Along
Daily, 7 p.m.
Mon. and Tues., 10:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 11 a.m.

**Public Safety Awards
(after June 20)**
Daily, 11 p.m. and
2:30 p.m.
Mon.-Fri., 10:30 a.m.

Inside City Hall

Meetings, Minutes, etc.

Minutes Highlights

From the April 9 and 23 meetings:
The Mayor and Council:

- Appointed: Marie-Lise Bonneau (Animal Matters Board); Linda Askamit (Board of Supervisors of Elections); Nasser Almutairi (Human Rights Commission); Jim Britton (Cultural Arts Commission); Marty Rooney (Senior Citizens Commission); and Martin Blumsack and Reina Diaz (Human Services Advisory Commission).
- Awarded contract to Sister Hazel, of Gainesville, Fla., in the amount of \$37,700, for the Saturday evening entertainment at Hometown Holidays.
- Modified bid #65-00 to Rummel, Klepper, and Kahl LLP, of Baltimore, Md., in the amount of \$76,208, for engineering services to design the replacement and upgrading of the pumping system at the Water Treatment Plant.
- Approved emergency repairs to the Water Treatment Plant intake by Maryland Diving Services Inc., of Baltimore, Md., in the amount of \$26,278.29.
- Introduced an ordinance to appropriate funds and levy taxes for Fiscal Year 2002 (FY02). It will set in place the operating and capital budgets for FY02. The proposed property tax rate is \$0.322 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which reflects the change to full value assessments. The proposed personal property tax rate is \$0.085 per \$100 of assessed value.
- Introduced an ordinance to amend section 24-46 of the Rockville City Code entitled *Water Consumption Charge*. It increases the rate from \$1.76 to \$1.85 per thousand gallons of consumption, effective July 1, 2001.
- Introduced an ordinance to amend section 24-47 of the Rockville City Code entitled *Sewer Usage Charge*. It increases the rate from \$3.12 to \$3.25 per thousand gallons of consumption, effective July 1, 2001.
- Introduced a resolution to establish the service charge rate for municipal refuse collection pursuant to section 20-6 of the Rockville City Code.
- Adopted a resolution to extend the time to finalize the decision on street closing and abandonment application SCA2000-00082, Mary Howard, 302 Park Rd., applicant. It would abandon a portion of an alley that is approximately 10.8 feet in width and runs a distance of approximately 121 feet from the right-of-way of Park Rd. that contains a total area of 1,220 sq. ft. of land between 302 and 304 Park Rd.
- Adopted an ordinance to approve street closing and abandonment application SCA2000-00081, Investment Properties LLC, applicant. It would abandon two small areas of public right-of-way, one of which is 219 sq. ft. at the northeast corner of the intersection of Courthouse Sq. and N. Washington St. and the second of which is located at the northeast corner of N. Washington St. and E. Middle Ln., and is comprised of 76 sq. ft.
- Adopted a resolution to amend resolution #3-97, establishing the Human Services Advisory Commission to increase the membership.
- Approved bid #09-01 to Trans Metro Construction Inc., of Upper Marlboro, Md., in the amount of \$548,364, for the construction of the Rockville Millennium Trail – Phase I.
- Awarded bid #43-01 to Trisource Contracting LLC, of Sykesville, Md., in the amount of \$126,500, for the Horners Ln. tank removal.
- Awarded bid #57-01 to C&C Farms Inc., of Damascus, Md., in an amount not to exceed \$125,000 to furnish and plant trees and shrubs.
- Awarded RFP #67-01 to RCI Sound Systems, of Beltsville, Md., in the amount of \$22,391.31, for sound and light equipment rental and operators for 2001 City events.
- Approved an easement to Washington Gas Co., of Springfield, Va., for installation of a regulator adjacent to Watts Branch Pkwy.

The complete minutes from the Mayor and Council meetings are available from the City Clerk's Office, 111 Maryland Ave., or by calling 301-309-3310.

Mayor & Council Calendar

June 11 General Session
June 18 Public Hearing

All meetings, unless noted, are in the Mayor and Council Chambers, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., at 7:30 p.m.

Council meetings are televised live on *The Rockville Channel* (ch. 11/33/53). Meetings are replayed at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays, if there is no live meeting scheduled; Sundays and Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; daily at 1 a.m. and 3 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 9 a.m.

Mayor & Council Drop-In

The Mayor and one member of the Council are available to meet with residents on a drop-in basis, in the Mayor and Council Office at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., from 5:30-7 p.m. on Mondays when there is a General Session or a Public Hearing. The front door of City Hall will remain open during this time.

June 11 Robert Dorsey
June 18 Glennon Harrison

While Drop-In is on a first-come, first-served basis, visitors are urged to call 301-309-3310 ahead of time so we are better prepared to serve your needs and to verify the meeting schedule.

Vacancies

Cable Communications Advisory Committee (City representative): The committee assists in the oversight of the franchise agreement and advises the County on use of the cable system and allocation of grants for public service. A knowledge of the County, communications technology and law, accounting, and business management is desired. Members must file confidential financial disclosure statements annually.

Human Services Advisory Commission (one at-large vacancy and one consumer vacancy): This 11-member commission provides advice and guidance to the Mayor and Council on human service needs in Rockville. It monitors changes in human needs in the city, assists the Mayor and Council in deciding appropriate City roles and priorities concerning human services, and participates in oversight and evaluation to ensure accountability and cost-effectiveness of City and outside providers of human services. They also may study specific human service-related problems. Members serve over-lapping three-year terms.

Recreation and Park Advisory Board (two vacancies): Members of this nine-member body encourage the development of desirable recreation and park facilities in the city and recommend programs for young people and adults that suitably reflect the needs of the citizens. One Rockville youth serves as a member of the board. Members serve for overlapping two-year terms.

If you wish to serve on a citizen's board or commission, call the City Clerk at 301-309-3310 for an Expression of Interest Form.

Boards & Commissions Calendar

All meetings are at City Hall, unless otherwise noted. Please call the City Clerk's Office at 301-309-3310 to verify the schedule of meetings.

June 2, 9 a.m.
Board of Appeals

June 5, 4 p.m.
Sign Review Board

June 12, 7 p.m.
Human Services Advisory Commission, 32 Courthouse Sq.

June 12, 7:30 p.m.
Science, Technology, and Environment Commission

June 13 and 27, 7 p.m.
Planning Commission

June 13, 7:30 p.m.
Cultural Arts Commission

June 19, 1:15 p.m.
Rockville Seniors Inc., Senior Center

June 19, 7 p.m.
Historic District Commission

June 20, 6:30 p.m.
Rockville Housing Enterprises, 14 Moore Dr.

June 21, 5 p.m.
Board of Supervisors of Elections

June 21, 7:30 p.m.
Sister City Corp.

June 26, 7:30 p.m.
Traffic and Transportation Commission

June 26, 5:30 p.m.
Landlord/Tenant Affairs Commission

June 27, 7:30 p.m.
Human Rights Commission

June 28, 10 a.m.
Senior Commission, Senior Center

June 28, 7 p.m.
Recreation and Park Advisory Board